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## REPLY AFTER FINAL WITH AMENDMENT UNDER 37 U.S.C. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 23, 2004, please consider the remarks and enter the amendments below. Submitted herewith is: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months up to and including October 23, 2004, together with the necessary fee; (b) a Notice of Appeal, with fee; and (c) certified true copies of priority applications Germany 19928281.1 and Germany 10023085.7.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.